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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT APPROVAL TO SEND DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON
TRANSIT OF GOODS TO AFGHANISTAN

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¶1. (SBU) In response to the Embassy,s request for approval dated 26 February (Reftel), the State Department hereby authorizes the Embassy to send the below text as a diplomatic note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Tajikistan.

Begin Text:

Complimentary Opening... and has the honor to inform the Ministry of the following.

The United States requests the Republic of Tajikistan,s consent by return diplomatic note for the transit of non-legal cargo through Tajikistan by commercial means. This cargo would be transported using Tajikistan,s rail and road networks. The Government of the United States is also interested in exploring opportunities to purchase local goods to support the International Security Assistance Force and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Complimentary Closing.

End Text.
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